

**Modernisation of Telephone Exchanges in Colmbatore, Tamil Nadu**

2930. SHRI C.K. KUPPUSWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of names of telephone exchnages which are proposed to be modernised in Colmbatore District, Tamil Nadu during the current plan period;

(b) the estimate number of telephones likely to be provided in each telephone exchange during the same period; and

(c) the funds allocated for the purpose?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b). The details during the current year are as under:

Name of Exchange	Telephones likely to be provided
(1) Colmbatore (E 10B Main)	1600 Lines
(2) Ganapathy (RLU)	600 Lines
(3) Peelamedu (RLU)	1200 Lines
(4) Udumalpet	300 Lines
(5) Tiruppur	800 Lines
(6) Kinathukadavu	106 Lines
(7) Anamalai	68 Lines

(c) About Rs. 17.5 Crores.

**Opening of Post Offices and Telephone Exchanges in Tamil Nadu**

2931. SHRI C.K. KUPPUSWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the targets fixed for opening of village. Post Offices and installation of new telephone exchnages in Tamil Nadu during the year 1991-92;

(b) whether the targets for the year 1989-90 and 1990-91 were fully achieved;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI

P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) A target of opening 55 extra-departmental branch post offices has been fixed for Tamil Nadu during the year 1991-92. No Targets are fixed for new telephone Exchanges. Targets are fixed for stiching capacity. However, new telephone exchanges are opened as and when the demand exceeds the minimum demand prescribed for opening of new telephone exchanges.

(b) to (d). Post Offices:

The target for opening of post offices was achieved partly for the year 1989-90 and fully for 1990-91. During 89-90 against a target of 70 branch Post Offices only 4 branch post offices were opened. Among the reasons for non-fulfilment of target in regard to opening of post offices during 89-90 were some of the proposals not satisfying the norms laid down for opening of post office, time consuming procedure obtaining

then for sanction of post offices due to ban on creation of posts and a decision taken during 1989-90 to revise the norms in this regard in consultation with some expert agency which took some time. For the year 90-91, however, a target of opening 50 extra-departmental branch post offices was fixed which was fully achieved.

**Telephone exchanges:** 4 telephone exchanges (Narikudi, Suriyur, Marthandam, Pattarai-perunbudur) were installed in 1989-90 and one telephone exchange was installed at Varusanadu in 1990-91.

### **Complaints Regarding Excess Billing**

**2932. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES:**  
Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of complaints relating to excess billing received by Mahanagar Telephone Nigam, Delhi during 1990-91;

(b) whether these complaints have been attended to; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU):** (a) to (c). The information has been called for from the concerned units and shall be placed on the table of the House as early as possible.

### **Rules for Public Telephones**

**2933. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES:**  
Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Telecommunications has liberalised the rules for providing public telephones at common places with facility for both local and STD calls; and

(b) if so, the broad features thereof?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) To enhance accessibility of telephones to public, it has been decided to substantially increase the number of public telephones (PTs) and provide these at common public places to be run by individuals or organisations.

Besides, above, under our liberalised policies for STD/ISD Public Telephones, members of the public are also eligible to apply for such public telephones. Preference is given to:

(1) Handicapped persons/War widows

(2) Ex-servicemen.

(3) Retired D.O.T. employees.

(4) Women (Educated & unemployed)

(5) SC/ST and other weaker sections of society.

Local free telephone have been installed at hospitals in major cities and District H.Q..

It has also been decided to provide S.T.D. Public Telephones at hostel with incoming facility.

### **Telecast of Tribal dance and Songs**

**2934. SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ:**  
Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether tribal dance and songs are telecast on Delhi Doordarshan;

(b) if so, the number of such programmes to be telecast during the current year;

(c) whether Government have any separate agency for recording the tribal dances and songs of different tribes on different festive occasions of the tribals; and